The Mega Power Policy also seeks to encourage reforms by stipulating a condition that the cheaper power from mega projects will be available to those States which have initiated reforms.

(d) All these initiatives will contribute towards achieving the ultimate goal of 'Power for all by 2012'.

Revision of Guidelines for the Hariyali and. Swajaldhara Schemes

859. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to revise guidelines for 'Hariyali' and 'Swajaldhara' schemes so as to enable reputed NGOs to participate In the schemes;

(b) if so, by when the revised guidelines are to be framed and shall come into force;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the experience of the Ministry, while implementing Sector Reform Programme through NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) The task of revision of guidelines for any rural development programme is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time as dictated by the field realities. Accordingly, the Guidelines for Watershed Development that became operational with effect from 1.4.1995 were revised in August, 2001. Subsequently, the guidelines were again revised and renamed as Guidelines for Hariyali in April, 2003 to empower the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in all aspects of watershed development activities}. These Guidelines and those of Swajaldhara Scheme, provide scope for reputed NGOs to participate in the implementation of the schemes in activities like community mobilization, capacity building etc.

(d) In the implementation of Sector Reform Pilot Projects, NGOs are expected to play the role envisaged in the Swajaldhara Guidelines Depending on the care taken by the project authorities in the selection of NGOs, the performance of the NGOs has been varied from project to project.